

The weather at major Swissair destinations

24.12.1983	MIN.	MAX.	WIND	WEATHER
AMSTERDAM	2	10	40	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	4	12	54	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	20	28	31	Clear
CHICAGO	-20	-10	-21	Clear
COPENHAGEN	1	14	43	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	8	10	50	Cloudy
GENEVA	1	14	52	Rain
HELSINKI	2	10	37	Rain
HONG KONG	13	15	14	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	19	24	75	Clear
LISBON	11	12	17	Clear
LONDON	10	10	13	Cloudy
MADRID	9	10	12	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-1	10	13	Cloudy
NEW YORK	-4	-3	-26	Clear
OSLO	-5	-2	-3	Clear
PARIS	9	10	14	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	21	20	24	Rain
STOCKHOLM	3	10	13	Cloudy
TOKYO	3	10	13	Cloudy
TORONTO	-12	-10	-10	Cloudy
VIENNA	2	10	13	Cloudy
ZURICH	1	14	11	Rain

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Jerusalem 28/14	28/14	12/12
Golan 30/16	30/16	11/11
Nahariya 36/20	36/20	18/18
Safed 42/24	42/24	10/10
Haifa Port 37/19	37/19	18/18
Tiberias 39/21	39/21	20/20
Nazareth 39/21	39/21	13/13
Afula 43/23	43/23	19/19
Shomron 31/16	31/16	14/14
Tel Aviv 41/24	41/24	17/17
B-G Airport 46/20	46/20	19/19
Jericho 32/10	32/10	20/20
Gaza 52/20	52/20	20/20
Beer Sheva 26/10	26/10	18/18
Eilat 21/9	21/9	20/20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A *sefer Torah* in memory of the late Dr. Oskar Rabinowicz was presented to the Jerusalem Great Synagogue during the Sabbath morning service yesterday by Mrs. Rose Rabinowicz and family. On the occasion, short addresses were delivered by Dr. Maurice Jaffe, chairman of the synagogue, and Prof. Theodore Rabb of the U.S., son of the late Dr. Oskar Rabinowicz.

On December 25 at 4 p.m., in room 612 of the University of Haifa's main building, Dr. Samuel L. Lefrak of New York will address the student body of the university on the subject Youth and the Challenge of the Future. Dr. Lefrak, who heads the Lefrak organization (one of the largest building concerns in the world) and the Lefrak Oil and Gas Organization (LOGO), will also be the recipient of the first University of Haifa's President's Award for Humanitarian Service in recognition of his endeavours in improving the world's quality of life.

Court stays yeshiva demolition order

The Jerusalem District Court on Friday ordered the municipality to desist from carrying out a demolition order against the Birkat Avraham yeshiva in the Old City until the yeshiva's appeal could be adjudicated.

The magistrate's court had earlier approved the city's plan to tear down an illegal addition to the yeshiva building.

The district court decision delayed the demolition for an indefinite time, but recommended that the appeal be weighed quickly. (Itim)

DEFENCE EXERCISE. — A civil defence exercise will be held in the Jerusalem region tomorrow, between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. In the course of the exercise loud noises, explosions and the all-clear siren will be heard.

New method for measuring nasal blockages

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A simple and inexpensive method of measuring blockages of the nasal passages has been developed by doctors at the Rothschild Hospital here in conjunction with the Haifa Technion's Faculty of Medicine, the Technion has reported.

The "nasal breath" method is based on a centuries old system of having the patient breathe onto a piece of polished metal or a mirror. The method uses a polished

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

U.S. military chiefs study Beirut truck bomb report

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff met on Thursday to review a special Pentagon commission report on the truck bombing that killed 241 U.S. servicemen on October 23 in Beirut and consider what, if any, disciplinary action should be taken against senior officers considered responsible for the security of the marines. The *New York Times* said in Friday editions.

"The commission concludes that little consideration was given by any military officers in Washington, Europe or Beirut to the issue of how

terrorism might threaten a conventional military force," the newspaper quoted one administration official as saying.

Earlier in the week, a House of Representatives Armed Services Subcommittee issued its own report on the incident in which it accused Col. Thomas Geraghty, then commander of the 1,800 marines deployed ashore and afloat in the Beirut area, of "serious errors in judgment in failing to provide better protection for his troops within the command authority available to him."

The House report also said that Capt. M.M. France, the navy amphibious task force commander, "shares responsibility for the inadequate security posture of the marine force ashore." The congressional group further criticized what it called "higher elements of the chain of command" for failing to exercise sufficient oversight.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan on Friday said that he shares the blame for the deaths of the 241 U.S. servicemen in the explosion.

"There is no way to discount

responsibility," Reagan said in an interview, but he said that he had not read the commission report.

Referring to his plan that sent the marines to Lebanon as part of a four-nation peacekeeping force, the president said: "There would have been no mission without my decision to go forward with it."

On Thursday, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger acknowledged that the ultimate responsibility for what happened at the Beirut international airport rests with him as head of the military establishment.

West Bank talks needed, Mayor Freij tells Arens

BETHLEHEM (Reuters). — The mayor of Bethlehem told Defence Minister Moshe Arens at a Christmas Eve reception here last night that Palestinians, Jordanians and Israelis should negotiate a settlement for the administered territories.

Mayor Elias Freij said the Palestinians had lived on the West Bank for generations and deserved their own identity.

Arens responded by telling local dignitaries at the reception that he and Freij do not always agree on politics.

"I am sure you will not be surprised if I tell you that when (Freij and I) talk politics, there are some

things we agree on and there are many things that we don't agree on," he said.

Arens added that any disagreements have to be solved by "discussion, goodwill and trying to understand one another."

It was the first time in the 16 years of Israeli administration that the Bethlehem Christmas reception was attended by an Israeli Defence Minister. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek was also present.

Arens said he hoped his presence was an omen of improvement in relations between Christians, Moslems and Jews.

"This is the season of good will, and we should commit ourselves to peace," he said.

Peres says new gov't will soon be seen as only way out

Jerusalem Post Staff

Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said last night that it could take another "month or two" for people to "be convinced that a change in government is the only way out" of the country's present situation.

Asked in an interview on the TV newsreel *Mabat* whether his meetings last week with former defence minister Ezer Weizman and Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i signalled a move towards pushing for early elections, Peres replied that a good chance now exists of

setting up a "different government" under the Alignment.

"There is really no other way out of the situation the Likud has gotten itself into after 6½ years in power. Forming a national unity government is impossible because we can not come to any sort of agreement on the major issues," he said.

"I'm sorry to say that we haven't yet hit bottom economically, and it will take some time, maybe a month or two, before people are convinced that there's simply no other option than a change of government," Peres said.

Two killed in car-motorcycle collision

Two persons were killed yesterday afternoon in Rehovot when the car in which they were riding collided head-on with a motorcycle at the entrance to Tel Nof. The motorcycle driver was severely injured. The names of the dead and injured have not yet been released.

In Holon, a pedestrian hit by a car last night at the corner of Basel and Sokolov streets, was being treated in the intensive care ward at Wolfson Hospital. The 36-year-old

driver of the car reported to a police station later, saying that he had not realized he hit anyone until someone who had been at the scene of the mishap told him.

Meanwhile, police announced that eight persons were killed and 87 were severely injured in serious accidents last week throughout the country. Among the fatalities were five pedestrians, four of them children. (Itim)

Israel rail workers strike in North

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 1,000 Israel Railway employees in the North are going on a three-day strike starting this morning in the guise of an organized vacation. They are demanding a 30 per cent pay increase as compensation for erosion of their salaries.

The passenger service, which normally carries 10,000 people a day, will be suspended except for the single train from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and back. Hardest hit will be Israel Defence Forces personnel returning to their units.

Freight service in the North will also be hit, although trains in the central and southern parts of the country will be running normally.

The railway employees declared a labour dispute two weeks ago after the breakdown of talks on their claim. The Histadrut asked the workers to defer their action pending further negotiations, but without success.

Israel Railway's spokesman said last night it will do its best to resolve the dispute in the shortest possible time.

Disputed grave vandalized in Rishon

RISHON LEZION (Itim). — Unknown persons between Thursday and Friday uprooted the tombstone set up on Thursday at the grave of Teresa Engelovitz in Rishon Lezion cemetery. Adina Harpaz, Engelovitz's daughter, said a new tombstone would be placed on the grave.

A new stone has already been a made by artists who identify with

the family's struggle against extreme religious elements who seek to have Engelovitz's body removed from the cemetery on the grounds that she was not Jewish, said Harpaz.

The tombstone was erected in spite of opposition from the local Hava Kadisha and in the face of a prohibition order from the Rishon Lezion rabbinate.



New Australian Ambassador Robert Stuart Merrilles (above) presented his credentials on Friday to President Chaim Herzog. (Yitzhak Harari)

Ten swans sighted on Lake Kinneret

TIBERIAS. — Ten swans have been seen on Lake Kinneret near Moshav Kinneret. This is the first time for many years that such a large number of the birds have been seen in Israel.

Dr. Uzi Paz, zoologist with the Nature Protection Society, said that their appearance here may be due to a population explosion of swans in Europe.

Israel Prize for Avidar-Tschernovitz

Jerusalem Post Staff

This year's winner of the Israel Prize for literature is Yemima Avidar-Tschernovitz, a spokesman for the Ministry of Education and Culture announced.

A committee of academicians and writers recommended that Avidar-Tschernovitz be given the prize in recognition of her books for children.

Avidar-Tschernovitz was born in Vilna and came to the country with her family when she was 12 years old. After completing her studies here and in Europe, she worked for many years as a kindergarten director for the city of Tel Aviv.

She is the author of more than 40 books for children, many of them translated into various languages.

Avidar-Tschernovitz is married to Yosef Avidar, soldier and diplomat.



The couple live in Jerusalem. She is to receive her prize at a ceremony next Independence Day.

IS400m. damage in factory fire in North

RAMAT YISHAI (Itim). — Damage estimated at more than IS400 million was caused by a fire in a poultry-packing plant here near Afula on Friday night. Warehouses and freezers of the Of Ha'emek plant were severely damaged, according to firefighters called from Afula.

It took firefighters many hours to bring the blaze under control. Large

police forces closed off the area. Many youthful volunteers helped contain the flames, before they reached tanks containing flammable ammonia.

Work at the factory, which employs some 300, is to resume this morning as usual.

An investigation is to be carried out to determine if the fire was a result of arson.

Woman, 65, burnt to death in Jerusalem

A 65-year-old woman was found burnt to death in her Jerusalem flat on Thursday night.

The woman, Fortuna Levy, was discovered sprawled out on her bed in her Ramat Eshkol flat, and a Magen David doctor called to the scene pronounced her dead.

The deceased's body was scorched, and the walls of her flat were blackened. Neighbours said they had heard no unusual noises and could not account for the fire.

A container of petrol was found in the flat.

Police and firemen examined the flat on Friday morning to try to determine whether it was a case of murder, suicide or accident.

The body has been turned over for a post mortem examination. (Itim)

TOMATOES. — A factory that will produce tomato juice and paste will be established in the Golan industrial zone.



American comedian Bob Hope and Julie Hayhek, Miss USA, around for the troops in a Christmas show on board the USS Guam the coast of Lebanon yesterday. (UPI/telephoto)

Refusednik begins indefinite fast

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A Soviet Jewish woman who has been refused permission to emigrate to Israel on Friday announced she had started an indefinite hunger strike.

Jewish dissident sources in Moscow said Nadya Fradkova, 30, sent a message from her home in Leningrad saying she was prepared to starve herself to death rather than wait any longer for permission to leave.

The sources said she now barricaded herself in her flat and the note out of the window to the below to announce her protest.

She said the police are calling almost every day and trying to force her to leave her flat, and that fears they plan to have her interned.

Safad committee formed to aid Ethiopian Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — A group of local residents, mostly religious and new immigrants, have formed a committee to help Ethiopian Jews who are due to settle here soon.

Committee members want to help the newcomers settle in as quickly as possible. They have asked Safad

Chief Rabbi Simha Kaplan to announce that the Ethiopian Jews, as Jewish as others.

The committee said it was disturbed by statements from some ultra-Orthodox elements that they would fight against the settlement of Ethiopian Jews. These statements damaged Safad's good name, committee said.

Fania Fenelon, Auschwitz prisoner, 75

Fania Fenelon, 75, one of the members of the Auschwitz orchestra, died in Paris last week. Fenelon, daughter of a Jewish father and a Catholic mother, was a young and gifted pianist who won first prize at the Paris Conservatoire shortly before the Nazis occupied France in 1940.

Under the German occupation, Fenelon performed in nightclubs to supply information about Nazi patrons to the French resistance. She was betrayed by a double agent in July, 1943, and deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Fenelon volunteered as a singer, and became one of the members of an Auschwitz orchestra which comprised 10 violins, a flute, reed pipes, two accordions, three guitars, two

mandolins, percussion and cymbals. Nazi S.S. officers included Rudolph Hess, camp commandant, Dr. Josef Mengele and General Heinrich Himmler, among those in whose honour concerts were performed. Marcel were also played for those who were out or returned hungry and exhausted from slavery outside of the camp gates.

A book *The Musician's Auschwitz* by Fenelon was published in London in 1978.

In 1980, the American CBS network made a three-part series based on Fenelon's Auschwitz experiences. But Fenelon deplored the fact that Venerable, a PLO supporter, portrayed her in the leading role. (A2)

Our sincere condolences on the death of

FRITZ MAYER ז"ל

to Dov B. Mayer, managing director, and to our colleague Carol Mayer.

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, December 25, 1983, at 2 p.m. at the Kfar Samir cemetery in Haifa.

Shiva at 58 Sderot Hazionut, Haifa.

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Management and employees.

Our beloved

MOSHE (Martin) MASCHKOWSKI

Engineer

has passed away.

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, December 25, 1983 at 2 p.m. from the centre of Moshav Beit Zayit. Transport by Bus No. 51 from the Davidka Square Jerusalem at 1.30 p.m.

The Bereaved,
His wife: Hanna
His children: Ruth and Amos Leviatov
Dina and Alon Gruenewald
Shula and Danny Maoz
Mira Maoz and their families

Our beloved and unforgettable husband, father and grandfather

YERACHMIEL YARON (Bobby Lustig)

has passed away.

He bequeathed his body to science. Please refrain from visits.

His wife, Lili,
His daughter, Shoshana, and
Family
His son, Yoel, and Family

On the first anniversary of the death of

GEORGE TAUSSIG ז"ל

we will conduct a graveside memorial service tomorrow, Monday December 26, 1983 at 3 p.m. at the Kfar Shmaryahu cemetery.

The Family

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved

IDA ROZOW

The funeral will depart today, Sunday, December 25, 1983 at 2.00 p.m. from the Hadar — Dafna funeral parlour for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Her husband: Gershon Rozow
Her children: Shula and Oded Grodzky, Izy and Vita Rozow, Haim and Michal Rozow
Her brother: Hershel Danuik and her grandchildren

No posthumous pardon for Jew lynched in U.S. in 1915

ATLANTA, Georgia (Reuters). — A Jew lynched by a mob in 1915 after being convicted of strangling a 13-year-old girl has been denied a posthumous pardon by Georgia's Board of Pardons and Poles.

The case of Leo Frank was the moving force behind formation of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith because of the anti-Semitic passions it aroused.

Frank was convicted and sentenced to death for strangling Mary Phagan, a sharecropper's daughter who died after she went to an Atlanta pencil factory, where he is a superintendent, to collect her

wages. He was lynched after Georgia's governor commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

The celebrated case was reopened last year when a prosecution witness, Alonzo Mann, swore he had evidence of Frank's innocence.

But the board ruled on Thursday that Mann's contentions were insufficient to grant Frank a pardon. Georgia has never pardoned anyone convicted of murder.

Several Jewish groups voiced dismay at the ruling, as did Georgia Governor Joe Frank Harris, who supported the petition for pardon.

NEWSBEAT/Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Postal Bank's free services need promoting

The Postal Bank lacks the "glamour" of the big commercial banks — with their clever advertising jingles, professionally designed branches and mosaics on the wall.

But at a time of recession, when the average family is struggling to stretch its income towards the end of the month, the savings offered in free services by the Postal Bank are more attractive than the big banks' plush swivel chairs and soft background music.

This is the second and last of two articles on the Postal Bank.

The Postal Bank, with its optical scanning equipment, processes bills immediately and transfers money collected over the counter the same day or at most within two days. Thus the Treasury gains when the public pays what it owes through the Postal Bank.

The State Comptroller has recommended that an agreement be signed with the banks regarding bank transfers of public payments to the authorities a decade ago should be re-examined so that the government may receive more of the money owed to it. He also urged that collections by the Postal Bank — currently 54 per cent of all collections — be expanded.

The only charge imposed by the Postal Bank is IS35 for return of a cheque due to no cover, in comparison with the higher charges for a number of services at the commercial banks and possibly even higher charges in the near future.

TV VIEWERS will recall the series of public service advertisements calling on the public to make standing orders for the payment of telephone, water and electricity bills. A husband is doused by his wife with cold water for forgetting to pay the water bill; a family fails to hear from its soldier son because it didn't pay the phone bill; all appliances go dead because no one paid the electricity bill.

Many people thought that the ads were made and paid for by the Electric Corporation, the Ministry of Communications and in the case of water, the local authority. In fact, the series was commissioned by the Banks Association.

The Broadcasting Authority committee on public service ads decided to let the series go on the screen despite it being sponsored by an association representing profit-making companies, on condition that it was approved as a public service by Banks Examiner Galia Maor. She gave her okay.

Indoctrinating the public to pay by standing order is helpful to the authorities, because it means that fewer bills go unpaid and fewer telephones and water and electricity supplies have to be cut off.

But, are the ads really a public service? If the public had been informed that it could save money on bank charges by paying through the Postal Bank, would these ads for standing orders to the commercial banks have had much credibility?

UZI RAVEH, director of the Postal Bank, notes that his bank has produced a profit, after paying wages, interest, and the like, for several years. In the 1982-83 fiscal year, it made a total of IS565.3 million, which was transferred to the Finance Ministry's closed account, and can be used to cover any Postal Bank losses in the future.

How can the Postal Bank make a profit without charging the public high fees and commissions, while the commercial banks are crying about losses?

The answer is that the Postal Bank's employees (250 in the Jerusalem headquarters, plus the staffs in post offices) receive civil servants' salaries and benefits, and not the generous salaries and conditions that have been handed out munificently in recent years by commercial banks to their growing army of employees.

There are no fancy marble floors, plush seats or imported tapestries in Postal Bank offices. The director of the Postal Bank does not, unlike some of his counterparts, receive his salary a year in advance.

One would think that many Postal Bank workers would have been tempted to "desert" for much better-paying jobs at commercial banks. But this is rare, according to a senior employee who says: "We feel a strong identification with the Postal Bank and its work for the public good."

In order to save paying their em-

ployees "split-shift" pay, the commercial banks this week were reported to have considered keeping the banks open only from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., thus forcing workers to leave their jobs during working hours to do their banking business.

Postal Banks are open the same long hours as the post offices in which they are housed and there is no thought of cutting down hours. Raveh says he is even looking into the economic feasibility of installing automatic banking machines in post offices for deposits and withdrawals. Another advantage of the Postal Banks is that they exist in the smallest and most peripheral communities — even in places that have no commercial bank.

So, with all these advantages, why doesn't the public know about it?

The Knesset and the State Comptroller would do well to study the influence of the commercial banking world on the government's financial establishment. Quite a few senior government officials have crossed the fence into the commercial banks, the most notable being former accountant-general Giora Gazit, who is today chairman of the board of Bank Hapoalim. There are many others who left lower levels.

There seems to be no good reason for the Communications Ministry not to go full speed ahead in an aggressive campaign encouraging the public to make use of the Postal Bank's free services, about which it has until now been so reticent.



Knesset Interior Committee chairman Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino inspects the polluted Yarkon River last week. The Labour MK toured the river with Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, representatives of other local authorities and members of the Nature Reserves Authority. She blasted Kalkiya, Petah Tikva and Givat Hashlosha authorities for turning a beauty spot into "a sewage ditch," and promised that the committee would appoint an authority to insure that the river is cleared up.

(Nat Herai)

Egypt proposes big project to leading U.S. contractor

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Egyptian government last week put forth proposals to major U.S. contractor Samuel Lefrak to build a "Lefrak City" in Cairo and Alexandria to ease Egypt's growing housing shortage.

Lefrak City in the Queens borough of New York City is considered a model of contemporary high-density urban residential construction.

Lefrak, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Jerusalem from Egypt on Friday for a week-long visit as the guest of the Israel Bonds Organization.

During his stay in Egypt, where he was accompanied by Donald Kummarsfeld, president of News America publishing company, Lefrak talked with officials about

building residential units and also an addition to the Cairo National Museum. He attended a dinner hosted by Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Butros Ghali.

Cities such as Cairo and Alexandria are facing a severe housing shortage as the result of migration of rural population to crowded urban areas, Lefrak said.

"The sociological and economic future of the Middle East depends on meshing the economies of Israel and Egypt to constitute a counterweight to the present disturbed atmosphere," he declared.

"Egypt's current infrastructure hinders for an exchange with a complementary economy like Israel's, boasting a high technology capacity," Lefrak said.

Capital's workers called to protest rally

The Jerusalem Labour Council's emergency task force has called on all workers in the city to gather at the council's headquarters on Rehov Straus at 1 p.m. tomorrow to protest against high prices, the growing wave of firings and the erosion in workers' pay.

After the rally, ends, the workers will march down Rehov Straus to Jaffa Road, and then up King

George to the Hamashbir Lazarchan store.

In other labour council news, the Histadrut has given the green light for acquisition of a building plot in East Jerusalem, for erection of a labour council building to serve the capital's 15,000 Arab members of the labour federation. Construction will begin as soon as a suitable site is found.

'Israel being priced out of tour market'

By HYAM CORNEY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — A "desperate" plea has been sent by Aharon Dishon, Israel government tourism director in London, to Minister Avraham Sharir, and to the Israeli tourist trade in general.

The plea, for a bigger budget for advertising and for hotel and air prices to be reduced, has been prompted by the slump in British tourist traffic to Israel in recent weeks and the prospects for 1984.

Dishon said in an interview that while tourism during the current Christmas period is "reasonable," November was "very gloomy" and the outlook for next year is equally grim.

The main factor is that Israel is being "priced out" by its Mediterranean competitors. Research carried out by Dishon showed that a three-star one-week holiday in a hotel with half-board in Spain, for example, is 60 per cent cheaper than a comparable vacation in Israel.

One of the factors is the weak position of the pound against the dollar on which all Israeli vacation prices are based. Because the pound is continuing to slide, many tour operators here are even losing money when they sell a holiday in Israel.

Another factor is the general lull in the British holiday market in general. This has affected even the biggest tour operators, who have had to reprint millions of summer holiday brochures with reduced prices.

The number of British tourists to Israel this year will reach 130,000 by the end of the month, putting Britain in second place behind France but ahead of West Germany in the number of visitors from European countries. The plea from Dishon therefore should carry some weight.

Dishon said he has been inundated with inquiries from tour operators large and small who are complaining about high prices. He fears that unless something is done — and done quickly — some of them will pull out of the Israeli holiday market altogether.

Banker says deposit interest must rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Banks will have to bring interest on deposits up to (or almost up to) realistic levels to avoid development of a "grey market" in loans outside the banks, Tzadik Bino, general manager of the First International Bank of Israel, said yesterday.

But the interest charged on overdrafts is now between 12 and 14 per cent a month which is less than the consumer price index rise during the past few months, and it must therefore be raised, he said on Kol Yisrael.

The Knesset Finance Committee apparently does not understand the necessity, with today's inflation, for the banks to collect interest

monthly instead of quarterly, Bino said.

"We pay interest weekly, biweekly and sometimes monthly. Imagine a situation where we would collect interest quarterly and pay our depositors annually at today's rate of inflation." He said he hopes the committee will study the issue, and reconsider its decision.

In the past he said, banks were able to give many services as a package without charging for all of them because of the large sums of money people kept in their accounts. But now that this has changed, some services will have to be eliminated, others which were free will have to carry a charge and fees for still others will have to be brought up to real levels.

Firing workers or closing branches is not necessarily the solution, Bino said. If the banks tried to sell much of their property at once, they would precipitate a real estate crisis. Firing temporary workers may eliminate precisely those workers who add to efficiency. Firing a branch manager or department head is difficult, costly and does not always show savings immediately, he said.

He believes that bank share prices on the Stock Exchange will have to go up. The current 20 per cent dollar yield on the shares covered by the bank shares agreement leaves industry unable to compete for investments, he said, so that the bank share yield will have to be brought down to 12 or 13 per cent.

TV journalists protest by shortening newscast

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The weekly TV news magazine was abbreviated on Friday evening due to sanctions by journalists over management's refusal to allow a report on developments in the Communist Party Rakah.

Broadcasting Authority Director-General Yosef Lapid argued that there was nothing new to report about Rakah and that MK Tawfik Toubi's visit to the Soviet Union took place last July.

LOOKOUTS. — Two lookout posts (mitzpit) are soon to be established in the Arava hills, each with 15 families.

Suspect reportedly held in Katz murder

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police last night refused to confirm or deny reports that they are holding a prime suspect in connection with the murder of Danny schoolboy Danny Katz.

The reports carried in two newspapers said the suspect, a resident of Galilee, was one of several people who had been detained.

A story in Yedioth Aharonot said the suspect was a known sex offender and was also a member of a radical organization hostile to the state.

The Acre Magistrate's Court has prohibited publication of the identity of the suspects and even the number

of those arrested.

Northern District police spokesman Rav Pakad Danny Kufner said last night: "The news blackout is still in force, and I cannot confirm or deny the reports which have appeared. In due time, we will give a full report to the press, but only when we are certain that we have solved the case."

The Jerusalem Post learned that two detectives from the national police headquarters have been seconded to the special squad investigating the death of 15-year-old Katz.

The team is sifting through a mass of information, including scores of statements from witnesses. It has also received the results of forensic

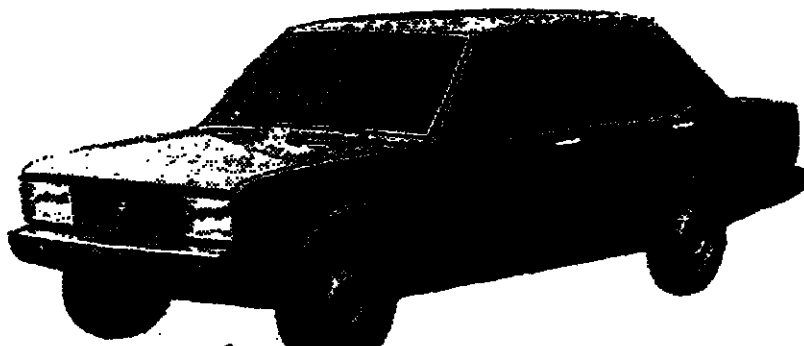
tests and is trying to match these up with other clues gathered during the course of the investigation.

It is understood that the detectives have been working on the theory that Katz's brutal murder was carried out by a sex deviate, but they have not ruled out the possibility that there may be a terrorist connection.

Detectives are checking through hundreds of police records of known sex offenders and members of radical organizations.

There was reportedly a mood of optimism among the inquiry team members, indicating that an announcement that the case has been solved may be made soon.

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Police stymied in Orly Dubi murder probe

BY MICHAL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police are still groping for clues in the murder of soldier Orly Dubi of Netanya, who disappeared on November 15 and whose body was found near Netanya a month later. It is still unknown when or how Dubi was murdered, police said yesterday.

Dubi may still have been alive on November 23, eight days after she disappeared after visiting her grandmother in Haifa, and was definitely still alive on November 20, according to information received by the police.

Police disclosed yesterday that Dubi was seen on November 20 with a woman soldier in air force

uniform at 11 a.m. in Tel Aviv's central bus station. According to less positive information, Dubi was seen in an army base on November 23. It is not clear whether police already had this information before Dubi's body was found on December 14 in a field south of Netanya.

Police yesterday called on anyone who might have seen Dubi on the night of her disappearance on an Egged bus from Haifa to Tel Aviv after 10:40 p.m. or on the bus from Haifa to Eilat, which left at 11 p.m. that night, to come forward. They also are asking the air force soldier who was seen with Dubi on November 15 to come forward and testify, as well as anyone who gave a lift in his or her car to a woman soldier from Haifa to Tel Aviv on November 15.

It was learned yesterday that due to the advanced state of decay in

which Dubi's body was found, it is difficult to determine how and when she died.

The police team investigating Dubi's murder believed until now that it could solve the case without revealing to the public — and to the person or persons responsible — how little it knew, it was learned. But with the passing of time the team feared that anyone who might have seen Dubi after her disappearance would forget, and therefore called on the public to help.

PICKPOCKET. — A sailor on shore leave from the U.S. aircraft carrier Independence was robbed of \$60 and his wristwatch by a pickpocket while he was walking in Rehov Hanezirot in Haifa's downtown quarter on Friday night, the police spokeswoman said.

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El Salvador troops attack guerrillas in mountain area

SAN MIGUEL, El Salvador (Reuters). — Some 2,000 troops pushed on against left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador's northern mountains on Friday on the 10th day of battles which have boosted the army's flagging morale.

Colonel Domingo Monterrosa, who is in charge of the country's three easternmost provinces, said that the army operation in the province of Morazan was the biggest ever mounted there.

The latest fighting in El Salvador's four-year-old war started with a guerrilla attack on a strategic communications base on the sharp ridge of the Cacahuatique Mountains on December 13.

But Monterrosa summoned 2,000 troops and 22 helicopters for a counter-attack, which is still in progress.

Military and diplomatic sources

have said that the rapid reaction and tight coordination under the newly appointed Monterrosa showed an important change in the U.S.-backed army's performance and a boost for morale after a series of setbacks.

Fighting around Ciudad Barrios, some 110 kilometres from the capital, was renewed on Thursday night as guerrillas moved reinforcements from the west to hit Monterrosa's operation on the town's exposed southern flank.

But parachute battalion troops moved south towards Ciudad Barrios following intelligence reports of a guerrilla concentration there, battalion commander Major Luis Mario Furlios said.

He said guerrilla movements in Ciudad Barrios were probably a decoy to pull troops back from their thrust into the north.

Nicaraguan bishop denies he was kidnapped by rebels

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (Reuters). — An American-born bishop turned up on Friday in Honduras, denying Nicaraguan claims that he had been kidnapped by right-wing rebels there.

Monsignor Salvador Schaefer, 65, said he left Nicaragua of his own free will to accompany Miskito Indians in their flight from the country.

Schaefer disappeared from a Miskito Indian town in northern Nicaragua on Tuesday. The Nicaraguan government said he had been kidnapped by U.S.-backed anti-government rebels.

"I was not kidnapped," he told reporters. "I travelled to Honduras

to accompany 3,100 Miskito Indians fleeing the Sandinista regime."

Schaefer, bishop of the Nicaraguan Caribbean port of Bluefields, said the Miskitos had been planning to seek sanctuary in Honduras for several months, said he intends to return to Nicaragua to continue his pastoral work.

Schaefer, a member of the Capuchin religious order, moved to Nicaragua in 1947. His diocese covers the country's largest and easternmost province of Zelaya, inhabited mainly by Indians.

Critics of the Nicaragua's left-wing government have accused it of oppressing the Miskitos in a campaign to integrate them.

Pakistan denies involvement in Afghan border post raid

ISAMABAD (AP). — Pakistan yesterday rejected allegations by Afghanistan's Soviet-backed government that it assisted Moslem insurgents in a raid on a border checkpoint that left 20 of its soldiers dead.

A Foreign Office spokesman accused the Kabul government of making "baseless allegations" and said Pakistan consistently has adhered to a policy of non-interference in the affairs of other states, including Afghanistan.

"It is a well-known fact that the resistance throughout the length and breadth of Afghanistan is an indigenous freedom struggle being

carried on by the heroic Afghan people," the official said. He said last Sunday's raid on the Torkham checkpoint, near the Khyber Pass, was mounted by guerrillas from inside Afghanistan.

"The repetition of baseless allegations of Pakistan's involvement is only a device to misrepresent the true nature of this struggle," he said.

The government spokesman added that Pakistan is committed to finding a peaceful solution of the Afghan problem based on repeatedly endorsed resolutions at the UN and other international forums.

Indian workers paralyzed by seeds given as wages

NEW DELHI (AP). — Thousands of impoverished farm labourers in India's largest state have been paralyzed by eating toxic seeds they received as payment from landowners, a state official confirmed on Thursday.

The *Indian Express*, an independent daily newspaper, said there had been "mass outbreaks" of paralysis among workers, many of them bonded labourers, in the central state of Madhya Pradesh.

"That's true," R.K. Mishra, a state government spokesman in New Delhi, said in a telephone interview. He did not have an exact figure for the number of victims. Communications in the state are primitive.

Mishra confirmed that landowners had been paying labourers

in the form of a poisonous seed known as khesari dal. If eaten regularly for several months, it affects the central nervous system and causes paralysis in the legs.

"The state has tried to stop its cultivation, but unless it is replaced by other crops, the people will starve," he added.

Mishra said officials have been trying to spread the word that the seeds are not harmful after boiling in water.

Khesari dal is used for growing crops that can withstand almost any weather conditions, and has become a staple diet among rural workers in India.

Madhya Pradesh is a mainly rural, underdeveloped state midway between the cities of Calcutta and Bombay.

Guinea quake claims 300 over 4 days

ABIDJAN (Reuters). — Three hundred people died in a strong earthquake which hit Guinea on Wednesday night, and tremors continued to shake parts of the country yesterday, Conakry Radio reported.

The radio, monitored here, said 300 people were missing while at least 16 villages were destroyed, making thousands homeless in various parts of the West African country.

Some 20 areas were hit between Wednesday night, when the major quake occurred, and yesterday at 6:00 a.m. GMT, it added.

The earth shook again yesterday morning from Gaoual, in north-west Guinea, to Kerouane in the south, some 125 kilometres from the Ivory Coast border, the radio said.

The worst-hit area so far was Gaoual, some 300 kilometres from the capital of Conakry, where 143 people died on Wednesday night, the radio said.

The observatory of M'bour, in Senegal, said the quake measured 6.3 on the Richter Scale.

Quakes are rare in West Africa, but Wednesday's was felt in neighbouring countries including Guinea-Bissau, Senegal and Gambia. Authorities in those countries reported no casualties and minimal damage except in the lower Casamance area of Senegal, where damage was more serious, although details were not immediately available.

Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure, whose birth place of Faranah, in eastern Guinea, was among areas hit, appealed on Friday for international help and decreed 48 hours' mourning.

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London researchers report clue in how cancer starts

LONDON (AP). — A step toward understanding how cancer starts was reported on Friday by five London researchers who told of finding a number of genes which lie dormant in normal cells but are activated in tumour cells.

One of the genes comes from the group associated with the body's immune defence system, the researchers said.

They also noted that the gene is active in embryos but normally dormant in adults.

The discovery should help provide a complete description of the complex molecular reactions in cancer, the team said.

The researchers, who carried out their experiments on mice, were Paul Brickell, David Lutchman,



Police and first aid teams give first aid to the wounded at the Paris restaurant Grand Vefour Friday night, after an explosion ripped through the chic eating place. (UPI telephoto)

Group charts QE2 liner to ring in the year 2000

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In Cleveland, assistant U.S. attorney John Siegel said an undercover agent had met the suspects, and during the meeting, the accused men discussed using the weapons to overthrow the government of Guyana.

The weapons, he said, were to be taken to New York, then smuggled to Guyana concealed in new furniture. Toronto police said the CPG members had approached the agents thinking they were affiliated with organized crime.

"Agreements were subsequently made with regard to certain privileges which would be provided to organized crime should the CPG be successful in overthrowing the current government," a police spokesman said.

The suspects placed an order for machine guns, grenade launchers, ammunition and pistols, he said.

12 wounded, one seriously, in Paris restaurant blast

PARIS (AP). — Doctors yesterday amputated the leg of a 38-year-old woman who was injured along with 11 other people in a bomb attack on one of France's most prestigious restaurants.

The attack late Friday ripped through an outside wall of the Grand Vefour restaurant and sprayed shards of glass on about 210 patrons and employees. No group had claimed responsibility for the attack by early yesterday afternoon, police said.

Various Islamic fundamentalist groups have threatened to attack targets in France unless the government of President Francois Mitterrand withdraws its troops from Lebanon. Police refused to speculate on a possible Middle Eastern connection.

Maurine Chretien-Rudetki, the commercial director for a French clothing firm, was listed in serious condition after surgery.

The others who were injured — five Americans, two Japanese and four French citizens — were either treated at the scene or hospitalized

overnight with minor injuries. No group had claimed responsibility for the attack by late yesterday afternoon, police said. A spokesman for the French Secretary of State for Police said the motive was "purely political." "We have absolutely no indication of racketeering angle," he said.

Police yesterday said they had new leads on the case. A spokesman for the criminal division of judicial police said the bomb was "medium power" but its nature was unknown because investigators had "found nothing" in its remains.

They said the bomb was placed under a grating at street level side the emergency exit of restaurant.

The deadliest recent terrorist attack against a Paris restaurant on August 9, 1982, when six people were killed and 22 injured machine gun and grenade attacks against Jo Goldenberg's restaurant in a Jewish neighbourhood.

Pretoria: Angolans killed 5 South West Africa troops

PRETORIA (Reuters). — South Africa said last night that Angolan troops killed five soldiers of the South West Africa Territory Force (SWATF) during an action against guerrillas fighting for the independence of Namibia (South West Africa).

South African Defence Force chief General Constand Viljoen said in a statement that Angolan soldiers are increasingly interfering with South African operations against guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

The statement came after South African announced earlier yesterday that its forces were fighting SWAPO guerrillas in southern Angola trying to cross over the border from the former Portuguese colony into Namibia.

The SADF and the 14,000-strong

SWATF, mostly black troops integrated in command and control. Viljoen said the deaths of the soldiers during the past few days of serious concern.

The SADF and the SWATF left with no choice other than defend themselves when Angolan forces interfere in this way, V added.

The defence force's initial statement said: "Elements of the se forces are involved in a limited campaign against SWAPO terror southern Angola." It mentioned only SWAPO forces and Angolan troops.

The announcement followed newspaper reports here of Radio Angola, which said South African troops had attacked Angolan government forces in southern part of Angola.

Week of U.S. storms takes 137 lives

NEW YORK (AP). — At least 137 people have died during seven days of ice storms, snow, freezing rain and cold that by yesterday had spared only Florida in the continental U.S.

A weather forecaster in South Dakota warned that the weather there "can literally kill you."

Nine people died on a slick Texas highway when a truck and church bus smashed head-on.

"It's just plumb miserable," Doug McCloskey, a sheriff's deputy in the

western Montana town of We said on Friday as the temperature dropped to minus 48 centigrade.

The big menace for the coast of the U.S. was a mo packed Pacific Ocean storm heading for central California. Warnings that winds could reach kilometres per hour were posted San Francisco.

At least 50 cities across country broke or tied temperature records on Friday.

Swiss jail Soviet for spying on S. Afr

ZURICH (Reuters). — A court on Thursday sentenced a Soviet citizen to three years in prison after he was found guilty of spying in Switzerland against South Africa.

The man, who calls himself Mikhail Vasilyevich Nikolayev but whose true identity the court called unknown, was arrested outside the Zurich art gallery last January and was alleged to be waiting to receive secret South African documents.

The microfilmed information was

due to be handed over to him woman who has lately been in South Africa in a major spy charges said. The trial of the year-old man, described translator, was held in camera.

The woman involved in the is Swiss-born Ruth Gerhardt, the wife of a former senior African naval officer, Commodore Dieter Gerhardt, one-time mandant of the Simonstown dockyard in South Africa.

UK scrubs aircraft carrier's Japan visit

TOKYO (Reuters). — Britain has told Japan it has cancelled a planned good-will visit to Japanese ports early next year by the Royal Navy aircraft carrier *Invincible*, Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe said on Friday.

Abe said Japan had replied that it would welcome future good-will visits by British Navy vessels but had reminded Britain of its policy not to possess, make or allow entry to nuclear arms.

The Australian government refused the *Invincible* permission to enter dry dock in Sydney early week for repairs because its call in line with Royal Navy's refusal to say whether it carried nuclear weapons.

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French marathon star daunted by wind

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JEV. — French long-distance star Chantal Langlace, 28, of the women's event in time at last week's annual of Galilee International marathon here, despite a vicious 50 per hour wind, has been coming in at least five marathons a year for the past decade. In the mid she was twice world champion, the punishing 42,195-k. race. She is currently the 100-world record holder, with a time of seven hours, 23 minutes. The strong wind which daunted during the race made the competition the slowest to date. In the event, the unassuming 1.58 m. tall runner, who was finishing off the previous women's 1.58 m. race, she crossed the finishing line more than seven minutes ahead of Shmueli, while Shmueli's sister Mazal Shalom came in 11th.

Physical education teacher Amiens has lost count of her number of marathons — or how many she has won. But, as she guesses, Chantal told me, she participated in more than 50 winning a 20. German Hans Pfisterer from Germany only took up the marathon two years ago, after studying concentrating on the 5,000, 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, 40,000, 50,000, 60,000, 70,000, 80,000, 90,000, 100,000, 110,000, 120,000, 130,000, 140,000, 150,000, 160,000, 170,000, 180,000, 190,000, 200,000, 210,000, 220,000, 230,000, 240,000, 250,000, 260,000, 270,000, 280,000, 290,000, 300,000, 310,000, 320,000, 330,000, 340,000, 350,000, 360,000, 370,000, 380,000, 390,000, 400,000, 410,000, 420,000, 430,000, 440,000, 450,000, 460,000, 470,000, 480,000, 490,000, 500,000, 510,000, 520,000, 530,000, 540,000, 550,000, 560,000, 570,000, 580,000, 590,000, 600,000, 610,000, 620,000, 630,000, 640,000, 650,000, 660,000, 670,000, 680,000, 690,000, 700,000, 710,000, 720,000, 730,000, 740,000, 750,000, 760,000, 770,000, 780,000, 790,000, 800,000, 810,000, 820,000, 830,000, 840,000, 850,000, 860,000, 870,000, 880,000, 890,000, 900,000, 910,000, 920,000, 930,000, 940,000, 950,000, 960,000, 970,000, 980,000, 990,000, 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Moment of truth

THERE IS a large measure of sardonic irony in the fact that the two main opponents to last Thursday's meeting in Cairo between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and PLO chief Yasser Arafat are the Israel government and the more extreme PLO factions. It were as if Jerusalem was trying to prove that it was supporting the vicious circle of rejectionism which has been holding up the peace process for over four years now.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir went as far as terming the Mubarak-Arafat meeting a "severe blow to the peace process," while official Israeli spokesmen referred to it as a violation of the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty. What is behind these statements is the fear in official Jerusalem that a militarily defeated Arafat may opt for a political solution. Such a move could pave the way for a revival of President Reagan's peace plan of last year by giving approval to King Hussein's joining the peace process as a negotiator on behalf of or together with a number of Palestinian representatives.

That such a development was in the cards should have been obvious to Israel's policymakers ever since Arafat's loyalists were coming under increasing military pressure by the Syrian-supported PLO rebels who are led by Abu Musa. This interecine PLO war resulted in Arafat's dismal exodus from Tripoli last week, somehow turned into a political victory for the beleaguered PLO chief by Israel's half-baked political and military opposition to the exit of the Arafat loyalists from Lebanon.

There are several ways one could look at Arafat's meeting with the Egyptian leadership, at peace with Israel, two years after he danced in the streets of Beirut upon receiving the news of President Sadat's assassination. Going to Canossa by the PLO chief seems to be a far more appropriate description of the Mubarak-Arafat meeting than terming it a "severe blow to peace."

According to official reports from Cairo, President Mubarak did not waver in his attitude towards the peace process and in fact urged Arafat to resume his dialogue with King Hussein with the aim of reviving the Reagan Plan. It would mean resuming negotiations where they were left off last April when Arafat had to give in to the more extreme PLO factions and rescind the formula he had agreed to with Hussein earlier on. The difference being now that Arafat no longer owes any allegiance to his more extremist partners in the PLO who were doing everything in their power to bring about his downfall.

What Arafat's exodus from Beirut last year failed to bring about may now happen as a result of his exodus from Tripoli, brought on by his own people. Being the shrewd political survivor that he is, Arafat must have taken into account that his possible opting for a political struggle, in conjunction with Egypt and Jordan, would in all likelihood cause an open rift within the PLO. That such a rift may also drive a wedge between Arafat and some of his loyal supporters until now, including his deputy in his mainstream Fatah group Abu Iyad, is probably a price Arafat would be prepared to pay now in his despair. One can assume that the popular support Arafat still enjoys among the Palestinians in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip encouraged him in his risky move to meet President Mubarak in Cairo. Arafat must have been aware of the fact that the overwhelming majority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians are anxious for the negotiating process to be resumed and regret now openly that they failed to support Sadat's peace initiative six years ago. If, as a result, the PLO will have to split it will be a moment of truth for the Palestinians whose fate is directly concerned by the present deadlock.

But what happened in Cairo last Thursday, with the full blessing of Washington, certainly also means a moment of truth for Israel. The U.S. has consistently stressed its determination to revive the Reagan Plan and has made that point clear to Mr. Shamir and to Defence Minister Moshe Arens during their visit to Washington last month. Negotiations with King Hussein, together with a representative delegation of Palestinians, are clearly foreseen in the Camp David agreements of September 1978.

To claim that the Reagan Plan, which seeks to encourage such negotiations, violates these agreements, as official Israeli spokesmen assert, will not change this fact and make an unpleasant reality simply go away. For there cannot be any peace agreement which will not provide a solution for the Palestinian problem. The sooner Jerusalem will recognize this fact and prepare for such a contingency, the better.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS IT HAS always been difficult for some dispassionate observers to accept that the concrete expanse of Tel Aviv's Kikar Malchay Israel is as elastic as Gertie's garters. In July last year, it was reputed to have held 200,000 Likud demonstrators — the equivalent of 500 people milling around in an ordinary 100 sq. m. flat. By September, 400,000 Alignment and Peace Now demonstrators were reported to have squeezed in to protest against the Beirut massacres.

Now, a low-flying British pilot has put us in the picture. Brian Bateson was charged at Pately Bridge magistrates court with infringing civil aviation laws by flying over an anti-nuclear demonstration in Yorkshire. It is an offence to fly near an open assembly of more than 1,000 people and CND organizers claimed that over 4,000 had turned out. The charge against Bateson was dismissed when he produced aerial photographs taken by his passenger which showed that only 600 people had attended the rally. A.B.

PS IF YOU WANT to write a Postscript, says a correspondent up north, do it at once.

Recently, he says, it occurred to him that the bus fare from Haifa to Tel Aviv was now precisely 1,000 times as much as it was when he came to Israel in 1958.

He decided to write to Postscripts about it, but before he set pen to paper, the fare had gone up again. E.G.

PS MEMBERS of the Netorei Karta sect reportedly objected to the portrait of Maimonides on the new 151,000 note because they couldn't shame the great sage by bringing the bills with them into the bathroom, and because MK Avraham Shapira, of Agudat Yisrael, signed the note as chairman of the Bank of Israel advisory committee. But others are now complaining that the visage, a traditional picture of the Rambam, is not him at all. The head lacks sidecurls, and the beard is short. They say that a Spanish stamp dedicated to Maimonides, in which he has payor and a long white beard, is more accurate. J.S.I.

PS ARMAND HAMMER of the Occidental Petroleum Company has been urged by activists concerned about Soviet Jews to act on their behalf.

In an open letter to Hammer, the Colorado Committee of Concern for Soviet Jewry note that Hammer has "had the ear of every Soviet leader from Lenin to Andropov." His financial connections with Russia (his company is engaged in a \$20 million business deal with the Soviet Union) should be used to pressure for free Jewish emigration and an end to official harassment of the Jews there, said the committee.

"Since you are an American and most recently have been depicted as a human-rights activist, we have the right to expect you to use your influence with Mr. Andropov now toward achieving these humanitarian goals." I.S.I.

LOOKING AT the reality of the Middle East, one cannot convincingly assert that the Palestinian problem is the root cause of the Middle East dilemma. Such a simplification disregards the existing facts and serves neither the Palestinian case nor the cause of peace.

Assuming the Palestinian problem had found a satisfactory solution — of course not as Arafat and the PLO aspire, by the dissolution of Israel — would then the Middle East be an island of tranquillity? Would the Soviets withdraw from Afghanistan? Would Iran and Iraq end their war? Would Gaddafi become a pious apostle of peace? Would Syria and Iraq, both anti-Israel in the extreme, embrace the Jewish state in brotherly love? Would South Yemen cease to be a Soviet bridgehead and Syria an advanced Soviet military staging area? Would the Gulf states be secure from Khomeini's ambitions? Would the conflict between Morocco and Polisarios vanish like a desert mirage?

Not at all. We would do much better to look at existing problems everywhere in their right dimension, in their factual context and with an undistorted perspective.

Of course, the plight of the Palestinians is a grave and painful problem, not only for them but for Israel as well. The breaking of the decades-old deadlock of the Israeli-Palestinian issues is as vital for Israel, if it wants to remain true to its Jewish vocation, its spiritual identity and democratic tradition, as it is essential for the Palestinians to safeguard their national, cultural and religious substance. Any solution must, therefore, try to strike a safe balance between the Palestinian claim to self-determination and Israel's inalienable right to self-preservation.

A new start must be made now to arrive at an Israeli-Jordanian-Palestinian settlement. The Camp David Accords provide a solid basis for such negotiations. In this agreement, Israel committed itself "to implement in full Resolution 242 in all its parts and provisions; to recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people; to support the establishment of a self-governing authority for the West

STEPS TO PEACE

By GIDEON RAFAEL

Bank and Gaza: to participate with Jordanian forces to assure the security of the borders; and to determine by the end of a transitional period of five years the final status of the territories in negotiations conducted among Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the elected representatives of the West Bank and Gaza; and finally to conclude a peace treaty with Jordan."

ARE THERE any examples in diplomatic history in which a state subjected to more than 30 years of warfare, from which it emerged victorious, accepted voluntarily — in advance of negotiations — such a wide range of obligations?

It is not the lack of preliminary commitments that prevents the opening of the negotiations, but the absence of a Jordanian decision to enter them. This, then, is King Hussein's choice. Neither Arafat nor King Fahd, nor President Reagan can make it for him, but there are strong influences in Israel which are willing to facilitate it.

Opinion in Israel is split on the nature of a solution for the outstanding problems with Jordan, but the country is united in its unconditional readiness to enter into negotiations with King Hussein and his representatives.

At the negotiating table, Israel will try to prove that it does not excel only in the craft of war, but also in the art of peace.

Accordingly, the three signatories of the Camp David agreement — Egypt, Israel and the United States — should convene a round-table conference, to be attended by the representatives of the states and parties nominated in the accord — Egypt, Israel, the U.S., Jordan and the Palestinian inhabitants of the administered territories.

This conference should determine the division of functions between the various existing authorities and those to be established, the security arrangements for the maintenance of internal safety and the protection of Israel against external threats. It should consider the initiation of measures of self-rule which would enable the

Palestinians to handle their own affairs without endangering the security of Israel and pre-empting the decision on the final status of the territories.

In other words, the participants at the conference should endeavour to reach an agreement on the furnishing of the waiting room and make it as comfortable and as safe as possible, until the living room is ready for occupancy, which, in any event, is not contemplated to take place before the termination of the five-year transitional period.

IT IS OBVIOUS that the more stability prevails in the area, the easier it will be to find a peaceful accommodation for the presently irreconcilable aspirations. The way the parties conduct and arrange themselves during the five-year transition will not only affect their immediate human and political condition, but also their fortunes in the future.

The blueprint for a settlement must accommodate the claims, rights and needs of the three principal parties: the Israelis, the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza, and the Jordanians. Consequently the solution should be sought on a trilateral basis.

Israel and Jordan should negotiate the conclusion of a peace treaty. Both countries have a long-uncontested international border in the south and the north, dating back to the separation of the Transjordan from Palestine. This border needs contractual recognition by both sides.

The political status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and their geographic demarcation lines must be determined.

The solution for the City of Jerusalem should reconcile its status as the capital of Israel with the religious interests of Christianity and Islam and the well-being of the Arab minority living in the town.

The establishment of a contractual framework for a trilateral association might be useful for the accommodation of the interwoven

and not necessarily conflicting interests and aspirations.

Something on the lines of the Benelux Treaty might be a suitable instrumentality for this purpose. Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza would join in a confederation, with a wide measure of autonomy granted to the West Bank Palestinians. The government of the confederation would be in charge of foreign affairs and defence.

The authorities of the Autonomous Palestinian Region would administer its internal affairs. It would be bound by a treaty between Israel and the Jordanian-Palestinian Confederation, to allow freedom of movement between the Palestine region and Israel, and to abide by security arrangements, such as demilitarization and the presence of Israel defence positions for a given period.

The autonomous region and Israel would establish a number of joint bodies to supervise the use of water resources, safeguard Jewish settlements, protect the social rights of Palestinians working in Israel, regulate the freedom of movement between the Palestinian region and the State of Israel and coordinate economic activities of mutual interest.

Israel would grant to the Jordanian part of the confederation freedom of access to a free port on the Mediterranean coast and favour the establishment of a joint port authority for Eilat and Akaba.

If this constitutional arrangement proves workable and durable, it might become the nucleus of a confederation between the three components and, perhaps, develop into a Middle East Community of States, not much different from the European example.

THERE REMAINS the question of Jerusalem, perhaps the most difficult issue of all.

Historically, Jerusalem has never been the capital of any other state, but a Jewish state. It has always been a united city until it became divided for 19 years as a result of the Jordanian occupation.

The solution of the Jerusalem problem might be possible only at the end of the peace process. It should, therefore, be deferred to the end of the negotiations in order not to complicate their early stages.

In the framework of an Israeli-Jordanian-Palestinian solution emulating the Benelux model, Jerusalem could play a similar role to that of Brussels in the Benelux association and the European Community.

It may become the seat of the common institutions of the association, remaining a unified city and the capital of Israel.

A tripartite religious give and take, authority, composed of the best, renowned and respectable personalities, could be established, with the aim of safeguarding the rights of all religions, a freedom of worship and access to the holy places, and promoting cooperation and mutual respect between the various communities.

The municipal organization of the City of Jerusalem should provide a wide measure of self-administration for the various communities, based on the borough system, and maximum coordination between the boroughs and the central municipality of Greater Jerusalem.

In short, the plan should be based on the unity of the city, on a maximum of municipal self-administration, on the presence of institutions of Arab-Israeli cooperation, on the preservation of its unique character as a unifying spiritual centre of the three great religions, and on the unalterable fact that Jerusalem is the indivisible capital of the State of Israel.

If these three levels — the governmental, municipal and spiritual — can be brought into harmonious interaction together with the tripartite Jordanian-Palestinian-Israeli association, then Jerusalem and the Holy Land may again inspire disoriented humanity as a centre of spiritual renewal, true to the meaning of its name: City of Peace.

Gideon Rafael is a former director-general of the Foreign Ministry. This article is excerpted from an address he delivered at the Consultation on the Middle East held recently at the Carter Centre, Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia.

READERS' LETTERS

JUSTICE IN THE WEST BANK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — As a realistic Zionist and not a chauvinist bent on ultra-nationalist aggrandisement of the kind that devastated Europe, I am opposed to the brutal colonization and the de facto annexation of the West Bank. And since the tone of Yedidya Atlas' article ("Enforcing the Law," The Jerusalem Post, December 8) is in rabid support of this policy, I feel obliged to expose it to the white light of the surgery.

The writer states that the Jewish settlers seek justice and demand that existing laws be applied objectively. But justice, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. For Mr. Atlas, justice as meted out to the West Bank Arabs, is not nearly harsh and vicious enough.

As far as I am concerned, Arab offenders and suspects are swiftly rounded up and vigorously interrogated; curfew is imposed; and as often as not innocent third parties are made to suffer cruelly. The military authorities have a very creditable arrest-record of Arab offenders but a very poor one when it comes to offences committed by Jews, as the Karp report has demonstrated.

"REHABILITATION" PLAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — So Mordechai Ben Porat is citing the resettlement of refugees in Gaza camps as proof of the feasibility of his rehabilitation plan (The Jerusalem Post, December 13).

What is not mentioned in this "success story" are the circumstances in which the refugees left the camps. Many thousands fell victim to security operations, such as the bulldozing of security roads, and for the rest, forbidden by military order from improving their homes, there was no choice but to escape increasingly impossible living conditions.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I wonder what kind of people constitute the committee responsible for deciding subjects for our postage stamp designs?

We are issuing a new series of stamps which includes illustrations of the Kfir aircraft, the Reshet missile boat, and the Merkava tank.

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Mr. Atlas complains "We are admonished not to take the law into our own hands, yet someone took the law into his own hands when he savagely attacked Yosef Stern with an axe." Whereas I see Yosef Stern's attacker in the Nablus market as a demented law-breaker, he sees him as someone taking the law into his own hands — equating him perhaps with those who attempted to kill the West Bank mayors?

Towards the end of his article Mr. Atlas states "This struggle for public safety is to make the government untie the hands of the official security services on the spot..." These words have an ominous ring. They are reminiscent of the words of the ecstatic followers of the Greek colonels, European dictators and imperial colonialists whose greed for power and riches eventually buried them in the ashcans of history.

Mr. Atlas, no less a patriot than those mentioned above, is not seeking justice in the West Bank. He is inciting to higher levels of violence, if not official, then unofficial.

BEN HOPE
Jerusalem.

The other assertion, that the resettlement plan will be non-coercive, not only ignores the considerable pressure which has already been applied to make refugees leave the camps, but it also contradicts the sentiments of every camp inhabitant in Gaza that I have met.

For them, a voluntary move from the refugee camps will only be contemplated if it is within the wider framework of a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

L. BRONSTEIN
Ashkelon.

STAMP DESIGNS

the kind of image that Israel wants to present to the world?

The committee should be replaced with others who have a better idea of what a Jewish state should represent.

B. GOLDBLUM
M. ABELSON
Jerusalem.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I am afraid that the article in The Jerusalem Post on November 29th, concerning our experiment "Traffic Experiment: Blinking Red Lights for Haifa Drivers," misinformed your readers. There is a tendency for drivers to ignore the stop and slow signs during the blinking yellow phase. (These signs appear on the secondary road, i.e., for conceding priority), and not, as pointed out in the article, to ignore yellow blinking lights — this has no meaning. We do not know whether this tendency is growing or not. No study has yet shown that drivers who are accustomed to "ignoring the yellow blinkers soon ignore the traffic light altogether."

ZVI SZTERNFELD
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Haifa.

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Incidentally one of the advertisements shown was to encourage the public to go to the cinema. The message however, was only heard by the approximately 50 people who

remained in their seats. Even such a number will dwindle if cinema owners and advertisers continue to abuse their audiences.

DAVID WINE
Jerusalem.

PENFRIENDS

PHILIPPE LAURENDEAU (20), of 22 Avenue Victor Hugo, 49160 Longue France, is an economy student who would like to correspond with an Israeli young girl of his age.

P.O. JONSSON (35), of Klostergatan 5, S-53200 Skara, Sweden, is a graduate in economics who would like to correspond with Israeli women. His hobbies are literature and music.

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